

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7025

By Russell

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Judith "Judy" Ann Burris Lee of Madisonville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Judith "Judy" Ann Burris Lee of Madisonville; and

WHEREAS, Judy Ann Burris Lee was a compassionate and faithful woman who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her family, her friends, and her community in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on November 12, 1932, in Tellico Plains, Judy Lee was the daughter of Lloyd Henry Burris and Margaret Estelle Pearson Burris; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Tellico Plains High School, Mrs. Lee attended Hiwassee College before she began teaching in Tellico Plains schools; she later worked as a secretary for Lee Brothers Trucking, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, a diligent steward of the Madisonville community, Judy Lee served as the Monroe County Clerk and Master for thirty-eight years; she also served on the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners for eight years; and

WHEREAS, she proudly represented Madisonville and its citizens as chair of the Monroe County Democratic Party and the Monroe County Democratic Women, and she attended each Democratic National Convention from 1972 until 2012; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Mrs. Lee served in positions of leadership and on the boards of several local organizations, including the Hiwassee College Board of Trustees; the Tennessee chapter of the American Legion Auxiliary; the Smoky Mountain chapter of American Ex-Prisoners of War; Madisonville Kiwanis Club; Sequoyah Trail Garden Club; and Pilot Club; and

WHEREAS, committed to her faith, she was a member of First United Methodist Church Madisonville; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Judy Lee will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by her children, Sharon Lee, Charla Ann Lee (Lee) Sherbakoff, and Charles J. (Charlotte) Lee II; her grandchildren, Sarah Chermely, Laura Gregg, Rachel Sherbakoff, Thomas Sherbakoff, Kelsey Boring, and Chaz Lee; her great-grandchildren, Julia Chermely, Grace Chermely, Shepherd Gregg, Avery Sherbakoff, Addison Sherbakoff, and Beare Boring; and two foster great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Charles J. Lee; her great-grandsons, Lucas Chermely and Tee Gregg; her sisters, Ruth Ellen Burris Lee and Sue Burris Warren; and her brother, Tommy Burris; and

WHEREAS, the epitome of goodness and excellence, Judy Ann Burris Lee was a warm and dependable soul who impacted the lives of those who were blessed to know her, and she leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Judith "Judy" Ann Burris Lee, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend our sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Lee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.